

Child Care and Development Fund
FACT SHEET
September, 2009
Montana

Caseload

- 5,956 children were served this month in this program
- 3,657 families received subsidies for childcare through this program
- 12.8% of the families entered the program during this period
- Yellowstone County accounted for 22.3% of all families served

Children

- 85.3% of children were served in licensed care
- 10.7% of children were cared for by relatives
- Children under 1 year of age were in child care an average of 127 hours per month
- School-age children (ages 6 and older) constitute 23.8% of all children served
- White children accounted for 78.8% of all children served

Families

- 77.3% of families received subsidies because of employment
- 100.0% of families had copayments, at an average of 2.8% of income
- The average number of children served per family was 1.7
- 86.4% of families were headed by a single parent
- 16.1% of families listed TANF as a source of income

Expenditures

- The average cost of care this month per child was \$403 (monthly subsidy + parent fee)
- Parents paid 6.0% of the cost and the program paid 94.0%
- Average monthly expenditures for children under 1 year of age was \$463
- Average monthly expenditures for school-age children (ages 6 and older) was \$269
- 84.1% of total expenditures were for children under 6 years of age

Counties

- The highest average cost of care was in Gallatin County at \$531 per child
- Garfield County ranks first in relative care statewide with 100.0% of all children cared for by relatives.
- The county with the greatest percent of TANF recipients in the caseload was McCone County, where 50.0% of families receiving child care subsidies also received income from TANF